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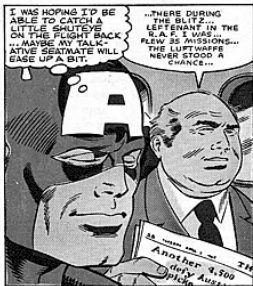
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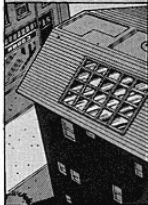
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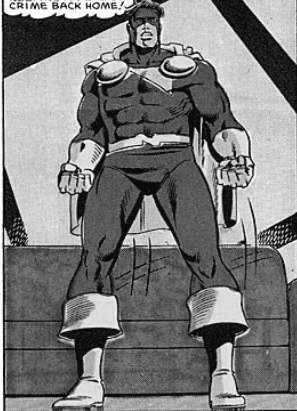


...ANOTHER MAN'S SLEEP IS ABOUT TO BE CUT SHORT...



HEY! WAIT A MINUTE! WHERE DOES SHE GET OFF CRITICIZING ME FOR SACKING IN A BIT WHEN IT'S HER BOY-FRIEND'S FAULT I'M UP SO LATE? WHILE CAP'S OFF GALIVANTING IN ENGLAND, I'M THE GUY WHO'S PROWLING THE ROOFTOPS, KEEPING AN EYE ON CRIME BACK HOME!

'COURSE, CAP DIDN'T TELL ME TO COVER FOR HIM OR ANYTHING, BUT HECK, WHAT ELSE ARE PARTNERS FOR?



I WONDER HOW LONG SHE'S BEEN THINKING OF ME AS A SLACKER?

HMMM, MAYBE I AM. I HAVE BEEN LIVING IN STEVE'S APARTMENT FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS NOW--

--NOT PAYING RENT, MOOCHING OFF HIM FOR FOOD AND POCKET MONEY PROBABLY GETTING IN THE WAY OF HIS AND BERNIE'S PRIVACY.



I GUESS I REALLY HAVEN'T BEEN TRYING ALL THAT HARD TO FIND A JOB, JUST TRYING TO MEASURE UP TO CAPTAIN AMERICA'S STANDARDS AS A SIDEKICK HAS BEEN TUGH ENOUGH FOR ME--

MAYBE THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN BUGGING ME ABOUT MY RELATIONSHIP WITH CAP LATELY. HOW CAN I EXPECT HIM TO TREAT ME LIKE MY OWN MAN WHEN I'M NOT EVEN PAYING MY OWN WAY IN THE WORLD?



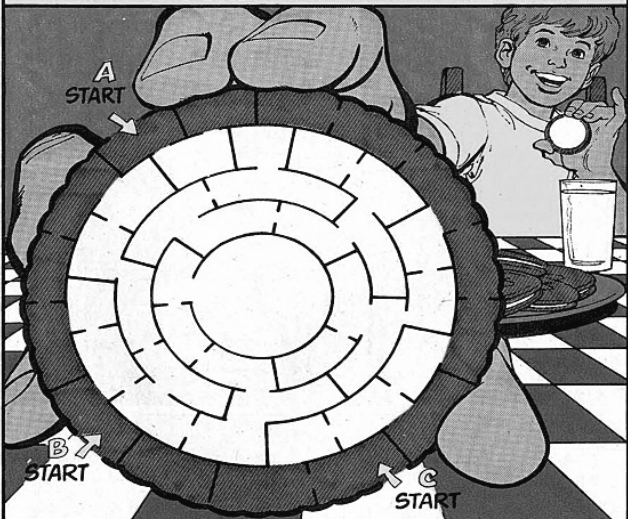
I REALLY OUGHT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT, MAYBE I HAVEN'T BEEN LUCKY JOB-HUNTING 'CAUSE MY EXPECTATIONS HAVE BEEN TOO HIGH. I OUGHT TO TAKE ANY JOB I CAN GET JUST AS A START.



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GOOD...

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GROCERY STORE ON
MANHATTAN'S UPPER
WEST SIDE...

ANYWAY, SIR, I SAW
YOUR "BAGBOY WANTED"
SIGN IN THE WINDOW
AND THOUGHT I'D
APPLY.

Delicatessen

I SEE. WELL,
YOUNG MAN, COME
TO THE BACK
AND LET'S TALK.

AFTER JACK COMPLETES THE JOB APPLICATION...

LET'S SEE... JACK MONROE, AGE
23, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE... FOR
ONE OF YOUR REFERENCES YOU PUT
"NICHOLAS FURY OF SHIELD."
THAT'S THAT INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY, ISN'T IT?

UH, YES, I DID
SOME CLERICAL
WORK FOR THEM
FOR A WHILE.

VERY
IMPRESSIVE,
SON. WHY WOULD
YOU LEAVE THAT
TO BE A BAGBOY?

I DIDN'T
LIKE THE
WORK ALL
THAT MUCH,
SIR.

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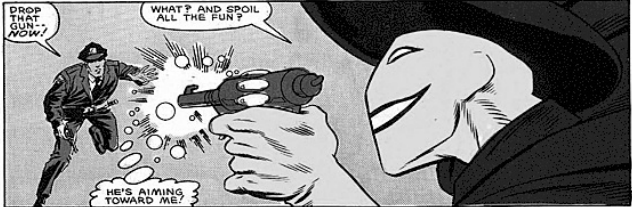
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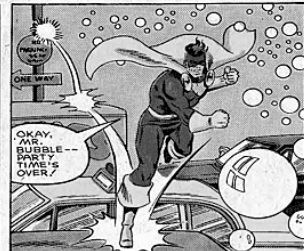
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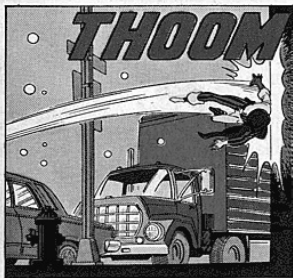


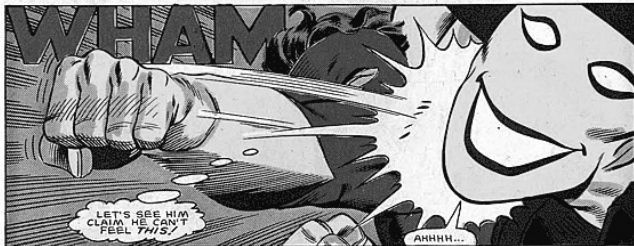














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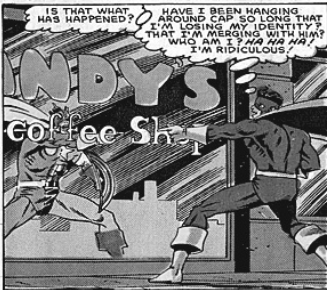
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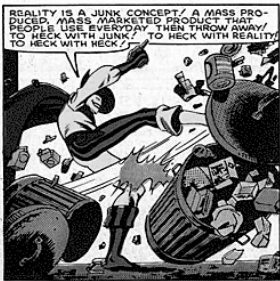
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WONDER IF THEY CAUGHT MADCAP.



SOON... EXCUSE ME, OFFICER. THE GUY WHO STARTED ALL THIS-- DO YOU HAVE HIM IN CUSTODY?

NO, I JUST GOT HERE. WE HEARD HE WAS WEARING A FUNNY COSTUME-- LIKE YOURS!

HOLD IT, MISTER. I WANT TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS.



NO THANKS, OFFICER. I COULDN'T HELP YOU ANYWAY.

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Yep, the world's tallest editor-in-chief is busy being a writer right now (for more on that, see the Hype Box), so he called yours truly and asked me to take over the Bulpen page for this month. Of course, I was flattered, but at first I didn't know if I wanted to take on the added responsibility. After all, I have a couple books of my own to write! That's the **AVENGERS** and **DOCTOR STRANGE**, for those of you who just walked in off the street and decided to sneak a peek at the magazines on the newsstand. Shame on you, anyway! This ain't no library, you know!

Where was I? Oh, yes . . . "But, uh," I told him, "I'm busy enough as it is! I haven't even finished sending out all of my 1984 Christmas cards yet!" There was a pause at the other end of the phone, and I heard a slight quaver in his voice, as he said, "Ohhh, puh-leezzzzzz, Roger! You can talk about anything you want! You can even have your name in big letters at the top of the page!" I'd heard that quaver before, I knew that at the other end of the line tears were starting to well up in those big blood-shot eyes of his. I never could stand the thought of a 6' 7" editor-in-chief crying, so I caved in and agreed to help him out.

Besides, I always wanted my name in big let-

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JUST TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT . . .

No, I won't tell you who the Hotgoblin is!

AND THEN, THERE WAS THE TIME . . .

You know, the great thing about . . . oh, excuse me! The phone's ringing!

Helel? Oh, hi, Jim! You caught me right in the middle of typing up the Bulpen Bulletins . . . boy, I'm really getting into the swing of this! I never knew this could be so much . . . what's that? I can only fill how many lines? Aw, Jim! I still haven't told about the time I kissed Fred Hembeck's feet . . . or the time you were mistaken for Dave Kingman, back when Kingman was first with the Mets. What do you mean, save them for the next time I do the Bulpen Bulletins? Jim? Hello?! Is anybody there?!!

Ahem. Well, it looks like we've run out of space and time . . . which either means we've warped into another dimension, or it's time for me to say good-bye for now. So I will!

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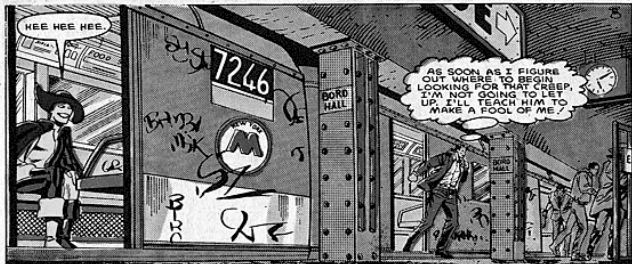
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NOW, LET'S THINK WHERE DO I BEGIN LOOKING FOR MADCAP IN A CITY THIS BIG? I WONDER HOW CAP WOULD-- NO!

NOK NOK

I'M TIRED OF TRYING TO THINK LIKE CAP--BE LIKE CAP, MAYBE THAT'S MY PROBLEM!

GEE, WHAT'S EATING HIM?

GUESS I'LL BE GOING. BYE, JACK.



AND AS JACK MONROE LEAVES ONE APARTMENT, TRIO OF SINISTER-LOOKING FIGURES PREPARE TO ENTER ANOTHER...

THERE'S A LIGHT ON. THINK HE ENTERED HIS PAD WITHOUT US NOTICIN'?

YOU KNOW THE WAY HE SNEAKS AROUND, BLANCHE. LET'S GO IN.

RIGHT.



OH, JACK. DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME KNOCKING? I JUST STOPPED BY TO SEE IF STEVE WAS IN. GUESS NOT.

BOY, WHAT A DAY I'VE HAD! THE LANDLORD OF THE BUILDING WHERE I HAVE MY SHOP JUST--

STOW IT, LADY! I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR SILLY PROBLEMS. I'VE GOT PLENTY OF MY OWN.



IT WAS A MISTAKE TO COME BACK HERE... TO STEVE'S PLACE. I DON'T BELONG HERE WHO KNOWS WHERE I BELONG!

I'M PACKING ALL MY GEAR AND CHECKING OUT FOR GOOD!

MADCAP, YOU BETTER SAY YOUR PRAYERS. I'M COMING FOR YOU!



SOON...

I CHECKED THE BEDROOM. NO SIGN OF HIM.

I DON'T THINK THE IMEBALL'S HOME, TANYA.



WELL, GO TO THE FRIDGE AND GET US A COUPLE O' BEERS. WE'LL JUST SIT TIGHT AND WAIT FOR HIM.

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